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1. REACTING QUICKLY TO DINH BA THI'S MARCH 25 PRESS
CONFERENCE (REFTEL), ACTING GVN BILATERAL DELEGATION
HEAD NGUYEN XUAN PHONG ISSUED A PUBLIC STATEMENT LATER
THE SAME DAY. AN INFORMAL USDEL TRANSLATION OF PHONG'S
STATEMENT FOLLOWS BELOW, FROM THE ORIGINAL FRENCH.

BEGIN TEXT:

2. FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS, THE VIETNAMESE
COMMUNISTS HAVE ADVANCED VARIOUS REASONS TO TRY TO
JUSTIFY THEIR ACTS OF WAR AND TERRORISM AGAINST ALL
THOSE WHO DO NOT SHARE THEIR OPINION; BUT, WHATEVER THEY
MAY CLAIM, THE USE OF FORCE AND VIOLENCE INVARIABLY
EMERGES AS THE CONSTANT OF THEIR POLICY AND REMAINS
THE TRADITIONAL METHOD OF THEIR STRUGGLE.

3. THE EXUBERANT REMARKS OF THE THIEF WHO CRIES THIEF,
MADE TODAY IN PARIS BY MR. THI, AND THE BLOODY EVENTS
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OCCURRING IN SOUTH VIETNAM THESE LAST DAYS SHOW CLEARLY

THIS IMMUTABLE LINE OF CONDUCT OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS, WHO AS MUCH AS BY THEIR ACTS AS BY THEIR STATEMENTS NOW RESUME THEIR ENTERPRISE OF WAR AND OPENLY REJECT THE PROCESS OF SETTLEMENT DEFINED IN THE PARIS ACCORD.

4. THIS OPTION FOR THE MILITARY SOLUTION BY THE COMMUNIST SIDE TWO YEARS AFTER THE SIGNATURE OF THE PARIS ACCORD IS POSSIBLE ONLY WITH THE MASSIVE MILITARY AID GIVEN TO NORTH VIETNAM BY THE SOVIET UNION AND POPULAR CHINA, WHO HAVE THUS ALLOWED TWENTY NORTH VIETNAMESE DIVISIONS TO ATTACK THE CITIES OF SOUTH VIETNAM AT THE PRESENT TIME. THE PRESENCE IN SOUTH VIETNAM OF 500,000 REGULAR NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS IS AN UNDENIABLE FACT, AND MR. THI IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY WAS NOT ABLE TO REFUTE IT BY HIS SOPHISTRY AND EMBARRASSED EXPLANATIONS.

5. IN THROWING THE TWENTY NORTH VIETNAMESE DIVISIONS AGAINST THE CITIES OF SOUTH VIETNAM, THE COMMUNIST SIDE WANTS TO MAKE THE LAW OF FORCE AND VIOLENCE PREVAIL, NOT THAT OF NEGOTIATION AND RECONCILIATION. CONSEQUENTLY, THE COMMUNIST SIDE CANNOT IN ANY WAY USE THE PARIS ACCORD TO JUSTIFY THE PRESENT GENERAL OFFENSIVE IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AND STILL LESS CONVINCE ANYONE OF ITS CLAIMED DESIRE FOR PEACE.

6. WE THEREFORE DENOUNCE VIGOROUSLY BEFORE PUBLIC OPINION THE CRIMINAL WARLIKE POLICY OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE, AND WE ASK PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO CONDEMN ENERGETICALLY THE BLOODY AND BARBAROUS ACTS OF WAR NOW BEING PERPETRATED AGAINST THE CIVILIAN POPULATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS.

7. WE APPEAL PARTICULARLY TO THE SIGNATORIES OF THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM WHO SINCERELY DESIRE TO SEE A JUST AND EQUITABLE PEACE RESTORED IN SOUTH VIETNAM TO TAKE MEASURES, INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY, TO PUT AN IMMEDIATE END UNCLASSIFIED

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TO THE HOSTILITIES AND TO BRING ABOUT A STRICT RESPECT FOR THE PARIS ACCORD.

8. THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM REAFFIRM THEIR DETERMINATION TO STRUGGLE AGAINST THE POLICY OF FORCE OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE AND NOT TO PERMIT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMED AGGRESSION TO PAY.
END TEXT.

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